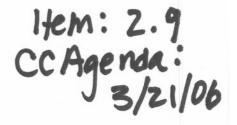
PLACEMENT





Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Ron Gonzales

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Health

DATE: March 16, 2006 Benefits Coalition and the Arena

Authority

Date Approved

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the appointments of Councilmember Nancy Pyle to the San José Arena Authority and Councilmember Judy Chirco to the Santa Clara County Health Benefits Coalition and direct the City Manager to appoint an appropriate a senior administrative officer responsible for employee health benefits to the Santa Clara County Health Benefits Coalition.

BACKGROUND:

Arena Authority

Councilmember Campos informed me that she is no longer able to serve on the Arena Authority Board due to a scheduling conflict with another appointment. In order to fill this vacancy, I recommend we appoint Councilmember Nancy Pyle to serve on this board.

Santa Clara County Health Benefits Coalition

San José has been invited by County Supervisor Jim Beall and Foothill De-Anza Community College District Trustee Hal Plotkin to appoint an elected official to serve on the Santa Clara County Health Benefits Coalition. The Coalition is made up of representatives from a variety of groups including health care industry experts and local governments. The purpose of this newly-formed group is to achieve positive reforms in health care purchasing for employees that improve quality and lower cost. I recommend we appoint Councilmember Judy Chirco to work on this important issue with our local government colleagues. In addition, per the request of the Coalition, I recommend that we direct the City Manager to appoint an appropriate a senior administrative officer responsible for employee health benefits to serve as well.